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SUBJECT: EAC MEETING - KIGALI

¶1. (SBU) On November 17 and 18 2008, Post convened the Emergency Action Committee (EAC). EAC discussed the planned nationwide demonstration in Rwanda, which is expected to be peaceful.

¶2. (SBU) On November 19, 2008, citizens of Rwanda are planning a peaceful nationwide demonstration in response to the arrest of a Government of Rwanda (GOR) official by the German government. It is expected travel within Kigali will be difficult due to the scale of the demonstration. Several schools with international students will be closed as well as several Embassies in Kigali. The EAC agreed that the U.S. Embassy will remain open but have granted leave to employees who are unable to get to work due to the demonstration and road blocks.

¶3. (SBU) A security notice has been sent to the Embassy personnel recommending caution and to avoid the crowds.

¶4. (U) POC is RSO Mareen Wray at 240-596-400 ext 2501 or 240-0830-0542 (cell).
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